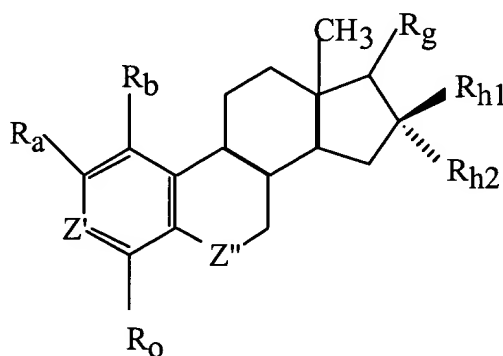


elected to prosecute the invention of Group I (Claims 1-15 and 18-92), and further elected the species of Claim 3. It is the Examiner's position that this election was not fully responsive because the species of Claim 3 is not a single species.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, for the following reasons. Claim 3 is drawn to the compound of Claim 1, wherein substituent R_a is defined as $-\text{OCH}_3$, and substituent R_g is defined as $=\text{CH}_2$. The compound of Claim 1 has the general formula:



with substituents defined as follows: R_b and R_o are independently $-\text{H}$, *unless otherwise noted to be* the other substituents listed on page 70, lines 11-13; Z' is $>\text{COH}$, *unless otherwise noted to be* $>\text{C-OAc}$; R_{h1} and R_{h2} are independently H , *unless otherwise noted to be* the other substituents listed on page 71, lines 14-20; and Z'' is $>\text{CH}_2$. In Claim 3, the substituents R_b , R_o , Z' , R_{h1} or R_{h2} are not otherwise noted to be anything other than the default definitions recited in Claim 1. Applicants therefore submit that Claim 3 unambiguously defines a single compound, and constitutes the election of a single species. Applicants reiterate that this election is made with traverse, because Applicants do not believe that examining each group in a single application or each species within a single group would constitute a serious burden (MPEP § 803).

Applicants respectfully request, to the extent possible, that a search of Claims 12, 2, and 42, in that order, also be made. If further searching is possible, to the extent possible, Applicants also request a search of Claims 49, 41, and 57, in that order. Applicants note that when claims to the compounds are allowed, Applicants reserve the right to re-enter claims to the method of using the compounds.

Amendments Purported to be Filed in Paper No. 5/B, Dated 1/17/02

Applicants respectfully state that they are unaware of any papers dated 1/17/09 that were filed in this application, nor are they aware of any papers no. 5/B in this application. Therefore, Applicants can not respond to the Examiner's remarks in this matter. It appears that the Examiner is mistaken that a paper, perhaps an Amendment, designated as paper no. 5/B, dated 1/17/02 was filed in this application.

Applicants respectfully request that if the Examiner, after further review, still believes that a paper designated as paper no. 5/B, dated 1/17/02 was filed in this application, a copy of this paper be provided to Applicants' representative named below. Applicants' representative Dr. Wigley can be reached at the phone number provided, and documents can be provided by facsimile to Dr. Wigley at 404-541-3441.

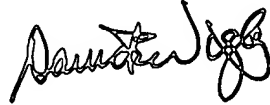
Conclusion

Applicants believe this Response is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants further believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by

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Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 815-6500 is respectfully solicited.

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